

Morning session.  
Synod was called to order by Moderator St. John and after prayer proceeded to the election of a permanent Moderator. The names of Rev. W. C. Porter and Dr. L. Stenberg were presented as candidates. The vote was taken and resulted in the election of Mr. Porter. W. C. Porter 47, Dr. Stenberg 41. Dr. Wm. Bishop was appointed to escort the Moderator elect to the chair. Rev. St. John extended congratulations and welcomed Rev. Porter to the duties, honors and criticisms of Moderator.

Rev. Porter responded in words of thanks for the honor accorded him, and asked the brethren to join in the Lord's Prayer.  
Dr. McCabe nominated Rev. Mr. Clark permanent clerk, and Rev. Platter and Elder Ed Russell as temporary clerks. The nominations were made unanimous. An attempt was made to instruct the committee to Synodical College to report on re-embarking after noon, but after some discussion the move was abandoned.

Revs. G. S. Darborn, presiding elder in the M. C. Church, W. S. Woodruff, H. H. Magrath, and Thompson, visiting brethren, were invited to sit with the Synod during the sessions.

A recess of fifteen minutes was taken to allow the Moderator time to construct committees.

The Moderator, after recess, announced the standing committees as follows: Bills and Ordinances—Revs. J. N. St. John, and E. Walker, and Elder O. G. Blair.

Judicial—W. N. Page, D. D., Levi Stenberg, and Elder A. J. North.

Narrative—Revs. Warren Mazon, O. W. Wright, and Elder L. A. Buck, M. D. Finance—Rev. Geo. Pearson, Hon. Ed Russell and Judge J. H. Holt.

Leave of Absence—Revs. D. M. Moore, W. H. Snyder and Elder J. D. Cowan.

Minutes of General Assembly—Revs. F. B. Berry, S. M. Osmond, D. D., and Elder David D. Hoag.

On motion Rev. J. J. Thompson, D. D., Secretary of American Bible Society for Kansas, was requested to address the Synod on his work.

At the close of his remarks, Rev. J. H. Clark introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, After hearing the remarks of J. J. Thompson, Superintendent of the Bible work of Kansas, the Synod recognize, with expressions of respect, the good work in which he is engaged, and have confidence in him, as a capable man for the work, and in the method pursued.

The Moderator requested that bills and overtures be placed in the hands of committees at once.

Elder Russell moved the appointment of a chairman for the committee on Synodical College, in the absence of the regular chairman.

Dr. McCabe thought it superfluous, as the committee could elect its own temporary chairman.

Dr. Page suggested that the moderator name Dr. Mussey of the committee, and the motion being carried. Dr. Mussey was authorized to receive the proposals for the location of the College.

Rev. J. H. Clark, chairman of the committee on Sunday Schools, announced that Rev. J. A. Worden, Superintendent of the Sunday School work, had forwarded a programme for Saturday evening, and the speaker proposed that the Synod set apart Saturday afternoon for the consideration of the Sunday School work.

The minutes of the last Synod were read.

The Moderator decided that the reports of committees was a standing order, and the report of absent members at last meeting was made and their excuses received.

Stated Clerk, Dr. McCabe, gave notice that complaint had been made to the Synod against the action of the Presbytery of Emporia in certain matters.

Elder Russell moved that excuses for absence at previous Synod be referred to committee on leave of absence. After some discussion it was decided that the standing rules could not be amended without previous notice, and the motion was withdrawn.

Elder Russell gave notice that at the next meeting of the Synod he would move to amend the standing rule, so as to authorize the committee on leave of absence to receive and act on excuses of absentees.

Rev. Platter announced that he was appointed to defend the Emporia Presbytery in certain charges, and asked to be relieved as temporary clerk. He was relieved and, Rev. W. S. Davis was appointed in his place.

Rev. Platter moved, as the Synod had become so large that many believed that it was desirable to divide the State into two Synods, that a committee be appointed, one from each Presbytery, to take into consideration the advisability of such a division; and to report at the next meeting.

Rev. Wilson said this division would include a change in the boundaries of the Presbyteries of the State, some of which are very large, and it should not be hastily acted upon. The Presbyterial boundary question should be taken up at the same time and the committee should be larger.

Dr. Cruikshank suggested two members from each Presbytery.

Rev. W. A. Simkins liked a large Synod. They need not be afraid of Salina because they were growing. Salina was entertaining 184 members, and could take fifty more if necessary. (Applause.) A large Synod is a good thing.

Dr. Stenberg said that the committee was large enough, but he thought the move premature. It might be done sometime, but there was no hurry. Large bodies give weight and add impulse to the great work of the church. He hoped the Presbyteries would accomplish the ecclesiastical work, and the Synod the great benevolent work of the church. A large Synod would draw men from abroad, and if they were a small body, they would not receive visits from these men.

Dr. McCabe suggested that the report of the Synodical mission committee would throw much light on the subject, and asked Mr. Platter to withdraw his motion until the report was made. The Doctor also moved that the hearing of the report be made the special and first order for afternoon. Carried.

Rev. Simkins of the committee of arrangements, reported the hours for meeting and adjourning. Assembly at 8:30 A. M.; Recess from 11:40 A. M. to

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1:10 P. M. Adjourn at 5:30. Evening meeting at 7:30.

Elder Russell asked that Rev. J. C. Miller be made chairman of committee on Foreign Missions in place of himself, which was done.

On motion adjourned.

Afternoon session.

Dr. Hill, the Synodical Missionary, made his report immediately after the Synod was called to order. After reading his report he explained, by reference to the map, the territory in which there were no Presbyteries.

Operating. About twelve more churches were needed to fill up the unoccupied territory. He had attended the first Synod of Kansas, thirteen years ago, when there were only 40 churches and 34 ministers organized in the State.

Now there were 170 ministers and 271 churches. There was opportunity for splendid results and necessity of more aggressive work on the part of the ministry. The responsibilities are very great, because of the rapidly increasing population of our State, and the Synod should not leave a soul uncared for which was not under the protection of some church organization.

The report of Dr. Hill was accepted.

Dr. McCabe moved that the recommendation of the Synodical Missionary for the organization of a Committee on Boundaries of Presbyteries, to consist of the stated clerk of the Synod as chairman, and stated clerks of Presbyteries, to mature a plan whereby new Presbyteries may be formed and boundary questions adjusted, and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Platter moved that the committee be also authorized to inquire into the advisability of a division of the State into two Synods.

The committee on Home Missions reported, and recommended the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That our Home Mission work during the past year has been prosecuted with energy.

Resolved, That the Synod recognize the necessity of making regular and liberal collections to the Board of Home Missions and be encouraged to do so.

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State. We owed it to the colored people as a nation and a church to see that their religious and intellectual welfare was cared for. He closed his interesting remarks by offering the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of Kansas desire to express its sense of the importance of our church work for the freedmen, and its sympathy for the millions of recently freed from bondage, in their efforts to secure such an education—both literary and religious—as shall fit them for the noble performance of their duties as citizens of the Republic.

Resolved, That each pastor and stated supply within our bonds be urged to present the cause to his congregation and give them the opportunity to contribute to the committee funds.

Resolved, That we recommend to our Synod should the propriety of setting apart their collections for the month of December to the freedmen's cause.

The report of the committee on education being called for, the chairman, Dr. Cruikshank, said he had received no reports from Presbytery committees on education, and was unable to report. The committees were instructed to send him their reports.

On motion the resolutions on freedmen's work were ordered to be published in St. Louis Evangelist.

It was ordered that the standing order for Saturday morning, on opening of session, be the selection of the next place of meeting.

On motion, the matter of the benevolent work of the church, as sent by the General Assembly committee, was referred to a special committee. Rev. Clark, chairman.

Rev. Lackey moved the appointment of two additional members to the constitutional committee on Sabbath Schools, and that they would be requested to hold two conventions during the year.

Dr. McCabe wanted the committee enlarged and authorized to make such arrangements for Sabbath school work as seemed best.

Rev. Lackey wanted to see some interest taken in this work. The Presbyterians had been inclined to let this work go past. There was necessity for the children to read the Bible in three days of progress.

Revs. Wilson, Mayou and others joined in the discussion and Mr. Lackey's motion was carried. Dr. Page and Rev. D. C. Millers were appointed.

Rev. Berry, chairman of the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly, read the report, which recommended the taking of special collections for the Home Mission debt, as well as the annual fund; also, that owing to the growing tendency to Sabbath breaking each minister of the Synod be instructed to preach a sermon on the subject of the proper observance of the Sabbath, on the first Sabbath in December, or as soon thereafter as convenient, and to report to the next Synod as to their fidelity in the matter.

This latter recommendation elicited considerable discussion from the members, in which Revs. Page, Howie, Bradbury, Farmer, McCabe, Osmond, and several of the Elders took part. Ministers and members of the church were urged to be examples in the keeping of the Sabbath; that too many of them were lax in their observance of the Lord's day, and failed to properly instruct their children as to its sacred character. Some very plain talk was indulged in, and there was a unanimity of expression upon the necessity of more strict observance.

Rev. Mr. Clark offered a substitute to the report of the committee that each minister be requested to give the law of the Sabbath and its observance a greater place in the Sabbath day services; and especially urge the great need in the community of examples on the part of Christian people in the observance of the Sabbath. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Saturday, Oct. 4th.

Morning session.

Dr. Osmond was called to the chair in the absence of the Moderator, (Rev. Porter).

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, as they were not to be found on the Clerk's desk.

Unrolled members reported their names for enrollment.

On motion the Synod proceeded to the order of the day.

Drs. Irving and Worden were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Attention was called by a unanimous vote to the next place of meeting.

Reports of committees on records of Presbyteries were made. In case of Highland Presbytery, a protest was on record against one of the sitting Elders, appointed by the Presbytery without consent of the stated supply or other Elder. The committee was instructed to bring in recommendations on the case.

J. C. Miller, offered the report of the committee on Foreign Missions. The Board of Missions was largely in debt, only 34 churches of this Synod had reported collections for its funds. The committee recommended the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all our ministers be requested to encourage the Christian women of the congregations to organize mission societies.

Resolved, That our ministers be earnestly recommended to observe the monthly custom of prayer for Missions, as an important means of stimulating the interest of the people and of educating them in the great work of Foreign Missions.

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After further discussion the report was accepted and resolutions adopted.

Rev. Clark, of the Sabbath School committee reported and recommended the following programme for the afternoon and evening.

From 2 to 3 o'clock—Needs of our Sabbath Schools in the Synod, in three minutes talk by members of Synod.

From 3 to 3:30—Our "Westminster Lesson Helps"—three minutes talk.

From 3:30 to 4:30—Our Sabbath School Mission work. First, its nature; second, the best method of prosecuting. Specimen exercises by Bro. Worthen.

Evening—From 7:30 to 8:15—Presbyterian Sabbath School work.

From 8:15 to 9—First, relation and duty of the session to the Sabbath Schools; second, attendance of the children at the preaching services.

To be presided over by the Chairman of the Sunday School committee.

Programme adopted.

Rev. W. H. Harnell offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee of arrangements of next Synod be instructed to inquire into the expediency of inviting the women of our churches to send delegates to next meeting of Synod; to organize a Society of Home and Foreign Missions; to select delegates to represent Presbyteries where such exist and where none have been organized, to send them to the next Synod.

A communication from the United Presbyterian Synod at Leavenworth stating that it had appointed a committee to inquire into the manufacture of intoxicating liquors and asked that similar committees be appointed by this Synod.

On motion referred to a committee consisting of one member from each Presbytery as follows: J. N. Clark, W. H. Snyder, McFarlane and D. M. Moore.

Dr. Stenberg, of the committee on expediency of appointing a committee to confer with a similar one of the Congregational Assembly referees reported that while the Presbyterian Church would be happy to co-operate with the Congregational brethren and all other Christian bodies, in Christian work, yet they conclude that each church should work in its own way in looking after the Christian welfare of its members, maintaining in all cases Christian charity towards one another.

The report of the committee was received and adopted.

Rev. St. John of the committee on bills and overtures reported, and same received.

Dr. Massey, of the committee on Synodical College made the committee report. The committee had received propositions from Emporia, Marion Center, Peabody and Salina, which places were visited by the committee, together with Abilene.

The report of the committee recited the objects and advantages of each locality visited and named the amounts offered for location of institutions. Salina offered \$15,000 and site; Emporia \$20,000 and site; Marion \$20,000 and site and Peabody \$20,000 and site.

In addition to the amounts offered, as soon as the committee's report was received, Rev. Simkins, on behalf of Salina, submitted to the Synod a proposition from that city offering \$20,000 in cash, and in addition the Kansas Pacific Railroad company offer to transport all material used in the construction of the building at one-half freight rates, which was estimated at \$1,000.

This was a home in the camp and the friends of other localities became greatly excited. After a little talk, Dr. Stenberg brought the proposition before the Synod by moving that it be substituted in place of No. 1.

Dr. McCabe said the committee had refused to receive the proposition because they thought it unfair towards other localities whose representatives were not authorized to increase their bids.

Dr. Stenberg said the action of the committee was not questioned, it was only for the Synod to say whether they would receive further bids. He was in favor of receiving a second bid from Salina and asked of listening others to make bids. He wanted to open the doors and if possible raise the bids to \$30,000.

Dr. Back, of Peabody, was unduly excited and used language for which several of the brethren endeavored to call him to order. He characterized such an attempt on the part of Salina as a "fraud," and insulting.

Rev. Simkins did not wish to reflect upon the action of committee. What he did want was to have the matter settled fairly. Salina supposed the propositions should be based upon what the localities had subscribed, and did not suppose they would receive a bid in excess of what Salina found how others were doing she put herself on a basis with others and had offered a bid which she could make good. He wanted this matter settled, so that wherever the college went he could go before his congregation and raise his amount of the endowment, without having his members feel that they had been treated unfairly. And he wanted other brethren to feel the same.

Rev. Dudley thought the prospects for the college were the best ever reached. Salina was right in offering a supplemental proposition. The only hard thing to his mind was, were they really to settle the matter now and close the college at this meeting. He thought not. It should be deferred.

Judge McFarlane said the point was not what the motives of the brethren were; not whether the propositions were sound or not. The question was where to stop. Supposing Abilene would offer \$25,000, should they wait for some place to give \$30,000?

Dr. Page offered an amendment to the proposition from Salina, or any other proposition any place might make, be received and considered by the Synod.

Dr. Cruikshank offered a resolution to the effect that it was inexpedient to

now establish a Synodical college. He then addressed the Synod upon the condition of Highland University, its standing and future prospects. He referred to the encouragement offered by the Synod of Nebraska, and hoped the Kansas Synod would do as well. He wanted them to endow a chair in the University. As for its location, he thought it was just as good as any that could be found in the West. Its debt of \$17,000 had been liquidated, and they had the building and grounds clear to offer to the patronage of this Synod.

Rev. St. John, thought that \$20,000 was too small a sum for the endowment of a college. He wanted to see those places go on increasing their bids until they would offer \$100,000 for the establishment of such an institution in their place; it should not be located just to satisfy this or that city. The first interest to be considered was that of the Presbyterian Church. In his opinion it was inexpedient to establish another college at this time. He counseled patience.

Recess was taken.

Afternoon session.

Consent was given to report of committees before proceeding with the stated order of business.